

comprises the step of contacting said injured spinal cord with a potassium channel blocker in the form of 4-aminopyridine in an effective amount and within an effective time of contacting said spinal cord with said polyethylene glycol so as to produce a synergistic increase in restoration of nerve function and reflex behavior in said patient.

Cancel claims 31-37.

Amend claim 38 to read as follows:

32. (Once Amended) A method of treating a mammalian patient having suffered an injury to its spinal cord, said method comprising contacting the injured spinal cord within a period no greater than about 24 hours after said injury with polyethylene glycol in an amount effective to increase a compound action potential in said injured spinal cord relative to a level of said compound action potential immediately after said injury and to increase behavioral recovery after said spinal cord is treated.

Amend claim 40 to read as follows:

40. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 38 further comprising the step of contacting said injured spinal cord with a potassium channel blocker in the form of 4-aminopyridine in an effective amount and within an effective time of contacting said spinal cord with said polyethylene glycol.

Cancel claims 41 and 42.

### **REMARKS**

After amendment, claims 22-30, 38-40 and 43 are pending in the present application. Claims 31-37, 41 and 42 are cancelled herein. Claims 1-21 were cancelled previously *without prejudice*.